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International Application No. PCT/JP2004/016706

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Title of Invention

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ALIPHATIC POLYESTER

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 3. [X] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- 4. [] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (WO 2005/044894) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
 - a. [X] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. [] has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 6. [X] A translation (44 pages and A4P drawings for Figs. 1-2) of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)).
- 7. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
 - a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. [] have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.
- 9. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)).
- 10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. [X] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [X] A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 - [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. [X] Other items or information: (a) Change of PCT Applicant's Name and Address; and (b) Form PCT/IB/306.

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15. [X] The following fees are submitted					CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
Basic National Stage Fee \$300.00 National Stage Search Fee. \$400.00 National Stage Examination Fee. \$200.00 Specification/drawings in excess of 100 pages (units of 50 x \$250.00) = \$						
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =					\$900.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					\$	
Claims	Number Filed	Number	Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	14 - 20 =	0		X \$50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0		X \$200.00	\$	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) + \$360.00					\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =					\$900.00	
[] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted. Above fees are reduced by 1/2.					\$	
SUBTOTAL =					\$900.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).					\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =					\$900.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +					\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =					\$940.00	
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 a. [X] A check in the amount of \$\overline{940.00}\$ to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed. b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-0975 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. 						
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CHANGE OF PCT APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The name and address of the PCT Applicant has been changed. The new name and address of the PCT Applicant is:

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as reflected by Form PCT/IB/306 submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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